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Application No. 10/038,090**Atty Docket: LTWD 1000-2****REMARKS**

Pending in the present application are claims 1-55. Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b). Claims 3 and 10 have been objected to, but would be found allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Lastly, claims 16-55 are allowed, which the Applicants appreciatively note.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102(b)

Applicants have cancelled all rejected claims by this response, thereby rendering moot the claim rejections under 35 USC 102. The allowable claims have been rewritten in independent form. Early allowance of the remaining claims is requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

An electronic filing of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted this date, as evidenced by the attachment, consisting of 3 pages, together with the USPTO receipt for same.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, as amended herein, are in condition for allowance and solicit early acceptance of the claims, in light of this previous allowance and indications of allowability.

Should there be any opportunity to expedite allowance, the undersigned can ordinarily be reached at his office at 650-712-0340 from 8:30 to 5:30 PST, M-F and can be reached at his cell phone 415-902-6112 most other times.

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